

TO: Governor's Energy Efficiency and Renewables Task Force
Administrative Model and Funding Workgroup Members

FROM: George Edgar
Kristine Euclide

DATE: February 3, 2004

RE: **Minutes from February 3, 2004 Workgroup Meeting**

Workgroup members present:

George Edgar, co-chair	Peter Bock	Charlie Higley
Kristine Euclide, co-chair	Dave Helbach	Larry Salustro
Nino Amato (by phone)		

Task Force Staff present:

John Marx, DOA	Sarah Justus, DOA	Carol Stemrich, PSC
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Stakeholders present:

Cathy Boies, CFC	Ilze Rukis, WPS	Don Wichert, WECC
Janet Brandt, WECC	Steve Tryon, DOA	Brian Zelenak, Xcel
Kevin Grabner, ECW		

Meeting Outcomes

1. Minutes from the January 20th meeting were approved
2. Discussion during the majority of the meeting to involve workgroup members and staff. Last 15 minutes of the meeting will be reserved for comments from stakeholders present at the meeting.
3. Once workgroup has developed a preliminary proposal, it will host 2-3 forums in different areas of the state to solicit public input.
4. PSC designated as the agency to oversee utility retention of funds for Public Benefits Programs.
5. As directed by the PSC, the utilities will collect these funds through the utility revenue requirement. Municipalities and coops may opt in as under current statutes. The funds will then be transferred to a non-governmental fiscal agent.

6. Funds are to be collected from utilities through a uniform charge creating collection equity across utilities and among customers.
7. For consistency purposes, low-income program funds should be collected using the same administrative model as that for energy efficiency funds

Issues to be Addressed in Future Meetings

1. What oversight agency directs disbursement of funds from the fiscal agent?
2. Should uniform charge be embedded in rates or a separate line item on customer bill?
3. Mechanics of the uniform charge to be collected from customers
4. Allocation of funds – put to most cost-effective use state-wide or allocate equitably based on collection?
5. Integration with PSC planning process and energy efficiency requirement under the energy priorities statute
6. Funding adequacy – what are appropriate funding levels?
7. Should provision be made to allow some of the funds to be retained by a utility subject to Commission oversight?

Distribution List

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- All Task Force Members
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The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17th from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. at MGE (133 South Blair Street, Madison).